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## GERMANS COLLECT SIGNATURES TO OUTLAW URANIUM MINING

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Resistance fighters who have been collecting signatures among the workers of the Soviet-owned Wismuth AG in the Sachsen Erzgebirge Mountains to outlaw uranium mining have aroused the anger of the Soviet directors of that enterprise. Industrial police of the Wismuth Corporation and State Security forces from Aue have been searching for collectors of these signatures. Eduard Breitmeier, member of the Communist Free German Youth, has been arrested and charged with seditious and antidemocratic activities.

The appeal for signatures to outlaw uranium mining is a counteraction to the SED's appeal for signatures to outlaw the atom bomb.

EXPECT PURGES IN EAST ZONE GOVERNMENT -- Stockholm Dagens Nyheter, 1 Aug 50

Berlin, 31 July -- Leaders of the East German Communist-directed National Front met today in the Soviet sector of Berlin to make final preparations for a broad plan intended to win Western Germany to the National Front's cause.

The meeting in Eastern Berlin is expected to last for several days, and its real purpose is reported to be to prepare for a "national congress" on the 25th and 26th of August to make final arrangements for the election on 15 October, in which a Communist victory is assured.

It is believed in West German circles that the national council will decide the fate of governmental representatives who have incurred the Communists' disfavor. Among these are Hermann Kastner and Otto Nuschke.

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SUPPRESSION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CAUSES SUICIDES -- Buenos Aires Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19578, 1 Aug 50

According to private business circles in Sachsen, 144 independent businessmen in Leipzig and 63 in Dresden have committed suicide since spring 1950 because the institution of tax control measures made it impossible for them to continue business operations.

A tax investigation action was introduced by the Sachsen Land Administration following the escape from East Germany of Sachsen's Finance Minister, Gerhard Rohner (CDU), who had been accused of extending preferential treatment to private business enterprises.

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